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TO : The Executive Director

FROM : Member, ICAPS

SUBJECT: Meeting on SANACC Sub-Committee on
Psychological Warfare

DATE: 5 March 1946

1. The SANACC Sub-Committee on Psychological Warfare met this morning at 0930. The following members were present:

Chairman - Mr. Ralph Block	- State Department
Capt. Karl Poehlmann	- Navy Department
Comdr. David Knoll	- Navy Department
Colonel Clyde Rich	- Air Force
Colonel William McNamee	- Dept. of the Army
	- CIA

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2. Mr. Block informed the Sub-Committee that he had met with Admiral Glover of the Joint Chiefs of Staff a few days ago. This meeting was on the basis of a call to Mr. Block from Mr. Blum of Secretary Forrestal's office to discuss SANACC 304/6. Mr. Block stated that the discussion was based upon a paper prepared by some committee for the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the subject of psychological warfare organization. He was unable to see the paper and, hence, could not determine with accuracy the author of the document. It did indicate, however, that as the SANACC Sub-Committee on Psychological Warfare is pursuing its present objectives in accordance with the approval received under 304/6 from SANACC, another group under the Joint Chiefs of Staff is, to a great extent, working on parallel problems.

3. Commander Knoll (Navy) suggested that Mr. Block prepare a brief resume of his meeting with Admiral Glover. Mr. Block was not overly anxious to do this and stated that he would first seek the permission of Mr. William Stone, his superior in the State Department. In augmenting the suggestion of Commander Knoll, I commented that for Mr. Block's own personal protection he should want to have such a summary prepared and one copy given to each member of the Sub-Committee so that when we report to our respective Agency officials, we will be in a position to present better evidence than attempting to paraphrase what Mr. Block told us in today's meeting. Mr. Block seemed sold on the concept that he should prepare such a summary.

4. The entire meeting today was consumed on reactions to the points discussed during Mr. Block's meeting with Admiral Glover; for example, the present charter of work for the SANACC Sub-committee on Psychological Warfare was questioned, i.e., the view was expressed

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whether it would not be more beneficial to develop a peace-time operating and planning organization which could easily be augmented in time of war. If the planning and the doing in peace-time are to be under a director, the practical problems involved in selling a nominally peace-time nation the need for a psychological warfare organization must be faced.

5. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1140 so that Mr. Block could take the members to Building "G" to show each agency representative his new office and indicate the security measures that are to be complied with. The office for the CIA representative is comfortably small and, as I explained to Mr. Block, sufficiently large for "periodic occupancy." All future meetings will be held in the new quarters.

